GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF LPG
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated or propose to formulate any new scheme for supplying cooking gas (LPG) in various States of the country particularly in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether cooking gas (LPG) has still not been made available in the rural areas;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to make LPG available in the rural areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) : Government have given freedom to Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to set up LPG distributorships in accordance with their commercial assessment and locations are identified by them on the basis of available refill sale potential for sustaining independent distributorships. However, Government have advised OMCs to draw up Marketing Plans for covering semi-urban and rural areas.OMCs have finalized a common industry marketing plan covering 841 locations including 47 locations in the State of Uttar Pradesh for setting up LPG distributorships mainly in rural and urban-rural (semi-urban) locations. The setting up of LPG distributorships is a continuous process and involves identifying of a suitable location, arranging land for setting up of godown and other statutory clearances.

(c)to(e) : As on 01.07.2007, OMCs are serving about 212 lakh rural LPG customers in the country through their 1138 LPG distributorships in rural areas and 1209 distributorships in the urban-rural areas.

OMCs have also introduced 5 Kg domestic LPG cylinders with effect from August 2002 in order to meet the demand of low-income groups in urban, semi-urban and rural pockets and also extend the reach of LPG to the hilly terrain and interior areas in the country, including Uttar Pradesh on account of convenience in transportation. As on 30.06.2007, there are 3.86 lakh LPG customers of such cylinders in the country including 0.42 lakh in Uttar Pradesh.